



The 1999 Homecoming Queen and Court was crowned during a coronation ceremony held at Tiger Stadium in Elba on Friday, Oct. 29. Pictured is the 1999 EHS Homecoming Queen and Court with their escorts (L. to R.): Carey Lauren Holloway, Junior Class Attendant; Ben Purvis; Stephanie Niam Williams, Senior Class Attendant; Steve Williams; Samantha Christine Williams, Freshman Class Attendant; Katie York Vaughan, 1999 EHS Homecoming Queen; Mark Vaughan; Helen Kerri Lawford, Sophomore Class Attendant; and Dennis Lawford.

Camp Skyline rep will be in Enterprise on Sunday, Nov. 7

A representative of Camp Skyline Ranch, an all-girls summer camp in Mentone, Ala., will be in Enterprise on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 1-2 p.m. A slide show will be presented along with refreshments and door prizes. The Skyline party will be held in the home of Leigh Cassidy, 108 Farway Dr. The dress is casual and interested girls between the ages of 6-16 are invited. For more information, call 347-9724.

Johnson recently arrived for duty in South Korea

Army Staff Sgt. George B. Johnson has arrived for duty at Camp Eagle, Wonsu, South Korea. Johnson is a section leader/supervisor with the 52nd Aviation Regiment. He is the son of George B. and Alice M. Johnson of Onida, Tenn. His wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Noah R. and Helen J. Hodge of Elba.

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Elba High School Seeking Pictures

We are seeking pictures of events that occurred at Elba High School from 1902 until 1996. If anyone has pictures that we can use, please call Julie Norris or Amy Kirkland at Elba High School at 897-2266.

All-Star Lighting Ceremony to conclude 12th Annual Christmas Festival in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will present the 12th Annual Christmas Festival and Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, with a special first time event planned to close out the day.

As always, the Christmas Festival will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27 (Saturday after Thanksgiving), with lots of arts and crafts exhibits, food, entertainment, and fun for the whole family planned throughout the day until the beginning of the parade at 5 p.m. Then, at 5 p.m. the spectators will get to enjoy the Christmas parade as it makes its way through the streets of Elba, but this is where things change a bit.

Usually, the day's events would conclude with the parade, and everyone would pack up and go home. That's not the case this year!

At 6 p.m., everyone will be invited to come to the courthouse square to witness a live nativity scene, but also for a very special ceremony. This wonderful day of fun and joy for the holiday season will be capped off with the first ever "Elba All-Star Lighting Ceremony."

The atmosphere will be filled with the Christmas spirit as the courthouse square will be beautifully decorated with Christmas lights and wreaths, and this will highlight the all-star ceremony as we take time to renew and reflect on the memories of the city's past by honoring some of Elba's "biggest hearts."

Elba's residents are being asked to nominate an Elba person(s) with a "big heart" to participate in this All-Star celebration. Application will be reviewed and approximately

20 citizens will be asked to participate in this ceremony concluding the Christmas festival.

The All-Star Lighting Ceremony will begin with the "elves" who will be at the end of the parade carrying a sign simply saying, "Follow us to the all-star lighting ceremony." They will be pulling wagons loaded with small candles, and they will pass these candles out to the citizens as they approach the square. The ceremony will take place on the main stage for the festival, and the all-stars will gather inside the courthouse to be announced by the emcee one at a time. As the all-stars are announced, he/she will light a candle on stage and then the crowd to light other candles being held by all citizens.

When all of the all-stars have been introduced, area choirs will join in spontaneous carol singing. The candles that will be lit by the all-stars on the stage will form a huge heart to symbolize Elba's own slogan, "Elba, small town - big heart."

This first time event should be one to remember, but nominations for the all-stars are needed to make it a success. So, if you know anyone who fits the above description, pick up an application at an area business or use the one supplied below and let us know why you think your nominee is so special. Application should be mailed or delivered to the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 200 Buford Street • Elba, AL 36623, by 12 Noon on Friday, Nov. 19. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125 or Lynn Baker at 897-3813.

"Don't let your all-star be left out."

1999 ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ELBA ALL-STAR LIGHTING CEREMONY NOMINATION FORM

Saturday, November 27, 1999
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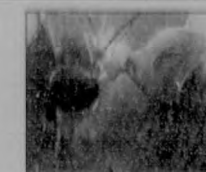
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COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO ARRANGE MEETING

County lacks rescue squad service

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission, even with a rather lengthy recess thrown in, managed to get through with "business" Monday morning in less than an hour.

Charles Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency and chairman of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board, was called on by Commission Chairman Kaye Lewis to give some clarification to the problem with the lack of rescue squad service to a large portion of the county as it relates to Enhanced 911.

For the record, he stated that at the present time there are only two functioning rescue squads in the county - the Enterprise and Kinston rescue squads - leaving a large portion of the county including the towns of Elba and New Brockton without rescue squad coverage.

Both Elba's and New Brockton's rescue squads are inoperative. Webb said that some individuals have the misconception that the E-911 fee being collected on monthly phone bills could be used to "buy ambulances and pay salaries of EMTs and so forth."

"I would like to clarify that the Enhanced 911 system is a communications system and a system of expeditious dispatch of emergency responders," said Webb. "It provides for an addressing system (and re-addressing in some cases) in the county which allows immediate identification of the location of the caller."

The system allows a central dispatcher (two locations - Elba and

Enterprise) to notify the proper serving agency - fire, medical or law enforcement - of the emergency situation. Webb noted that the fact there is no serving agency such as a rescue squad, is nothing the E-911 system can do anything about.

Webb did comment that the Enterprise Rescue Squad has agreed to answer 911 calls in the area formerly covered by New Brockton; however, this will be done only if they have sufficient resources to do so at the time of the call.

The director also told commissioners that the City of Elba was working very hard to resolve their lack of rescue squad coverage at the present time. In the meantime, a commercial ambulance service firm is answering 911 calls when possible. They are under contract with the local hospital to provide inter-hospital transfers, and that is their first obligation.

Webb told commissioners that state law prohibits the spending of fees collected for E-911 on anything other than communications systems and related items.

He concluded, "We have a major problem which I think the government entities need to address, and that's providing emergency medical services to the citizens of our county."

During the general business session, Commissioner Robert Stephens further addressed the problem by proposing that the chairman arrange a meeting of all county officials to include the state representative and senator for the purpose of solving this problem.

"In our book that tells commis-

sioners what they should do, I find among the things discussed is the health, welfare and well-being of our citizens," said Stephens. "I think the rescue squad thing is something we've got to address."

The project to supply water to the Coffee Baking Company located in the Hovley's Store Community came a little closer to realization with the opening of bids during Monday's meeting.

Low bidder on the project, Steen Construction of Rodgersville, AL, was awarded the bid at \$32,077.57. David Hicks, engineer for the project, said their bid for the laying of the approximately 2,500 feet of water line was well within the funding limits of the project. In fact, he said the low bid was within \$500 (lower) of his projected cost. No date for the start of construction was discussed.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

• Placed a temporary 15-Ton weight limit on Co. Rd. 223 at the request of the county engineer.

• Voted to purchase off the state bid two vehicles for the county highway department. These funds are already budgeted.

• Appointed Commissioner Linda Westbrook to serve as the county commission's representative on the Enterprise-Coffee-Geneva Economic Development Corporation board.

• Appointed L. P. Hussey to serve on the D.H.R. Board of Directors. He will represent District Two.

• Voted to raise the county's mileage rate from 25¢ to 31¢ per mile.

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"I'm pleased with how it's going. I have no complaints up to this point," said Bowden.

Board members were told that work is expected to begin at the Zion Chapel site in two to three weeks. The contractor [Faulkner] has both contracts and they wanted to get the "job" started in New Brockton before beginning work at Zion Chapel.

Turning to other matters, representatives from the Zion Chapel Rebel Band were in attendance to request financial assistance from the board in purchasing new uniforms. The present uniforms being worn by band members were purchased in 1985.

Michael Bird, Zion Chapel's band director, told the board that plans were to purchase 70 new uniforms at a cost of \$18,000. He noted that the band, at the present time, has only 35 members, but band programs now in place indicate an increase in that number in the near future.

"The band parents have been

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Elba Judicial Division grand jury hands down over 100 indictments

It was a very productive session for the Elba division of the grand jury in Coffee County last week as more than 100 indictments were handed down.

Of the 162 total cases presented to the grand jury when court convened on Nov. 1 and 2, 135 indictments were handed down with 53 of those being for the sale of narcotics, according to Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth.

Whitworth said the 53 drug indictments for Elba were all for the sale of narcotics which includes the sale of drugs such as cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana, etc. He said as of Tuesday, Nov. 9, 25 arrests had been made from the indictments with more arrests expected in this continuing effort.

"This is the result of ongoing investigations for the past year to year and a half," Whitworth said. "These indictments have brought our drug arrests for the year to around 100."

Whitworth said last week's indictments and the ongoing arrests are a joint effort between the Elba Police Department, the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force, ARI and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Also, he said the ABC board has been assisting in the investigation of illegal whiskey sale in the area, and eight arrests were made on Tuesday, Nov. 9, in this matter.

CORRECTION

In the front-page story (last week) concerning 17-year-old Tim Holloman, the two charges, rendering a false alarm, of which he was convicted are class A misdemeanors instead of class A felonies. The class was incorrectly recorded on court records as being a felony but has been corrected since the Nov. 4th edition of *The Elba Clipper*. We are glad to make this correction. The sentence remains the same as reported.



INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR Dorsey Trailers, Inc. has been named recipient of 1999 Coffee County Farm/City Week Committee's Industry of the Year award. The announcement was made during a press conference held last Thursday morning. Dorsey Trailers' dates back to 1911 when two brothers, Pete and Henry Dorsey established a small auto and machinery repair shop in Elba, AL. It has since grown to be one of the nation's leading transportation equipment manufacturers. In 1994, Dorsey Trailers became a publicly held company with corporate office located in Atlanta, GA. The company, in addition to the plant in Elba, currently has manufacturing facilities in Cartersville, GA and Dillon, SC. The Elba plant employs 800 workers with an annual payroll of between 22 and 25 million dollars. The daily production is 34 vans at the Elba facility with annual sales equal to 170 to 180 million dollars, which accounts for 75 percent of the company's sales. Pictured above accepting the award on behalf of the company are Paul Morrow, Vice-President of Administration (second from left) and Keith Loneragan, Elba Plant Manager (second from left). Making the presentation were: Gary Allen, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce (extreme left); and Kaye Whitworth, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. The formal presentation of the award will take place at the Farm/City Banquet on Thursday, November 18, 1999, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The event begins at 6:00 p.m.

Elba Council continues forward progress with contract for sewer construction and emergency medical services for E911 response

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to accept the construction bids to move forward with the sewer expansion on Highway 84 to the city limits. The \$257,390 project will be installed by Russell Construction Co. of Elba. The price includes \$13,720 for some paving work associated with the sewer lines. The local company was the low bidder of five construction firms vying for the project. The highest bid was \$349,258.75 without the paving alternate.

Funding for this work is being done with the help of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant from the State of Alabama.

The council also took action to insure emergency medical services for citizens of West Coffee County when they approved an eleven month contract with Coffee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

At the last meeting of the council, Mayor James Grimes had recommended the city reestablish a rescue service under the leadership of the Chief of Police. He explained this week that problems had occurred and this was the fastest way to assure the services are available when needed. The City of Elba will pay \$1,000 a month for the service. The mayor indicated that the

county commission has informally agreed to also furnish \$1,000 a month for the service to county residents.

The city will also enter into a lease agreement with EMS for the use of one ambulance still licensed to the city.

The council was unanimous in approving this action.

Following this vote, Grimes asked for and was given permission to instruct the city attorney to take whatever means is necessary to clear up the problem with remaining equipment and the city owned building of the now defunct Elba Rescue Squad. The council also approved the immediate changing of the locks on the rescue squad building and keeping the key at city hall.

Gerald Tucker was reappointed to another term on the Elba Housing Authority Board. He has served this board for a number of years and Grimes told council members Mr. Tucker was an asset to the Housing Authority.

The council appointed Mickey Murdock to replace Ellen Lowery on the Water and Electric Board. Mrs. Lowery has moved out of the city limits and is no longer eligible to serve.

Albert Reeves Jr. addressed the council with a request that the Elba Recreation Center on Clayton Avenue-old National Guard build-

ing) be renamed the Albert Reeves Recreation Center in honor of his late father. Mr. Reeves worked full time at the armory from 1947 until his retirement in 1976, with the exception of the time the guard unit was on active military duty.

Mayor Grimes thanked Reeves and said the council would take the matter under advisement, get input from other citizens and then make a decision.

Monthly bills totaling \$23,584.56 were approved for payment. This included \$4,502.24 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$2,346.65 for various kinds of pipe; \$1,680.91 for police firearm supplies; \$1,075 for chemicals; \$845.70 for recreation uniforms; \$580.00 for gas well monitor at closed dump and \$505.68 for asphalt mix.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the major sewer upgrade project was almost back on schedule after the major problems in Brookdale. He said they expect street repaving to get underway before Christmas.

The city council also approved a recommendation of Mayor Grimes that the city pay half of a much needed computer upgrade, with the Water and Electric paying the other half. The total cost of the upgrade is \$14,140 and allow additional city accounting to be computerized. It will also allow additional electric department reports to be computerized.

Grimes also told council members that work is progressing at the airport. Trees along the North end of the runway have been cut and those on the South end should be cut within the next week. A recent

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Factory Connection announces opening date for Elba store

The Factory Connection, an apparel retail store, will have a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting on Friday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. Brandy Bozeman, the store manager, and Ann Moore, assistant manager, invite everyone to come by the new Elba store.

The Factory Connection first opened its doors in 1976 in Cartersville, Ala., and is currently operating 124 stores in 10 states throughout the south. Committed to providing its customers with an affordable wardrobe, offering both quality and value, Factory Connection specializes in sportswear for juniors', misses', plus sizes and even men's at discount prices.

NOTICE

The City of Elba offices will be closed on Thursday (TODAY), November 11, 1999, in observance of Veterans Day. There will be standby crews for emergencies with water, street, sewer, or electrical. Call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 to report these emergencies. The garbage collection schedule will not change.

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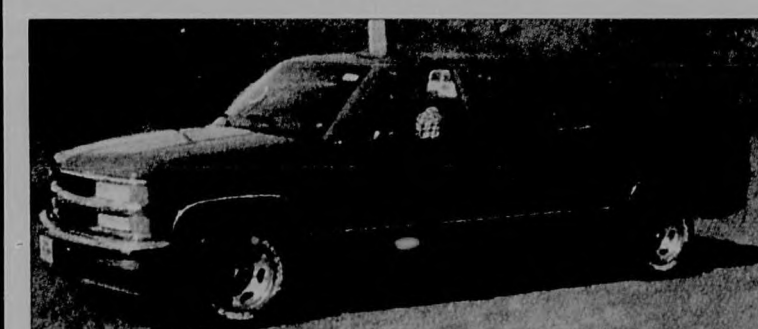
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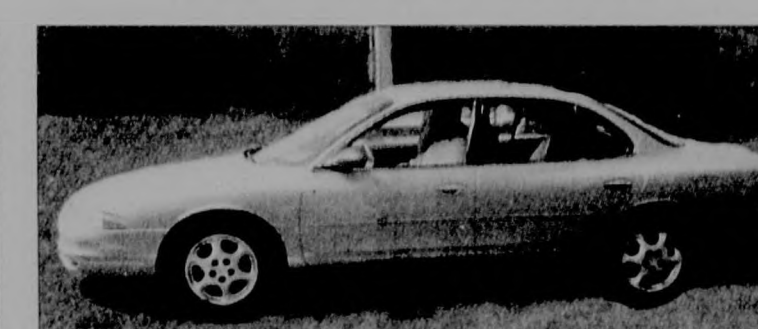
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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Elba has another business with a ribbon cutting this week. Factory Connection has opened their doors up on the bypass, selling men and women's clothing. They plan a Thursday ribbon cutting, complete with refreshments. Elba is experiencing some of the economic boom that is continuing to roll across the United States. How long it will last is anyone's guess. Not a month goes by without someone pointing out signs of an economic slowdown, yet the economy continues to grow and citizens continue to spend, spend, spend. Americans, in general, are enjoying unprecedented growth in material "things" and this shows up in the spending habits of the people earning these dollars.

The Elba Division Grand Jury handed down a hand full of indictments last week. Over 50 of them were for selling drugs in the City of Elba. We have been hearing complaints that drugs were widespread in Elba, council members have asked why the police were not doing something, etc. Well now it has been done, or at least started. In fact law enforcement officials tell us there are more drug cases coming down the pipeline. What that means is if you are selling and haven't been caught yet, this might be a great time to stop!

There will be a world of mad folks about the middle of December. That is when drivers can be stopped and ticketed for driving without the use of a seatbelt. Right now they can ticket someone if they are doing something else wrong also. Come December not using the belt is enough to stop the car. The fine is not so bad, but folks those related court cost could send some of us to the po' house!

There are reports of pending layoffs at Kleinfert's. A conversation with management this week indicated there is some coming employment adjustments and they will issue a news release later this week when they determine exactly what will happen. That is all we know on this matter today.

The sewer improvement project ongoing in Elba is causing headaches for those who must drive on the destroyed streets. This is the price of progress. The flip side is stopped up or crushed sewer mains being dug up on a regular basis year in and year out. The project will also make the service available to a number of additional Elba citizens. It is tough, but we believe it is worth the trouble.

CITY

from front

A recent inspection trip by the state airport authority indicated they would release the airport once this is completed. Grimes is also scheduled to appear before the state board on November 11th with a request for funds to resurface the

North-South runway. The council set a \$50 user fee for organization wanting to use the Recreation Center. This will also be scheduled to appear before the state board on November 11th with a request for funds to resurface the



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK... Elba Mayor James Grimes and Superintendent of Elba City Schools Charles Pearce are shown signing a proclamation declaring the week of November 14-20 as American Education Week in Elba. This is an annual event that recognizes the contributions made by educators throughout our nation. Mayor Grimes and Superintendent Pearce ask the citizens of Elba to help celebrate this occasion by thanking teachers for their efforts to make our lives better. Local schools will recognize retired educators with a reception in their honor on Tuesday, November 16. Retired Elba Elementary School teachers will be invited by the P.T.O. to the elementary school for a morning tea from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the conference room. Elba High School retired teachers will be honored by E.H.S. with a tea in the Home Economics Department from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 2, 1999, through November 8, 1999. They were: Grady Barefoot, Maude Gentry, Roy Rhoads, Jerry Foley, Julia Henderson, Pinkie Youngblood, Stephanie Williams, Kaicie Ziglar, Billy Phillips, Terry Lawford, George Hudson, Bob Nally, Judy McCormick, Sara Jarrinson, Lois Edgar, Damon Nelson, Mildred Jones, Eloise Killingsworth, Verbie Sasser, Jane White, Ray Sawyer, Annette Bradshaw, Cory Caldwell, William Phillips, and Lila Hodge.

NOTICE

Join the Coffee County Auburn Club, Aubie, and the Auburn Cheerleaders for a Beat Bama Bash on Monday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Pittman Farm. There will be a Hamburger Supper. The meal costs \$5 and children under 12 eat for free. To make reservations, please call Jim Sparrow at (334) 393-3366 (Daytime) or at 347-7368 (Evening).

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- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6-8 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria
- WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1932 - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 1, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one school truancy, two harassments, one theft, two DUIs, one public intoxication, and one VPI.

The following arrests were made: two burglaries, one failure to pay (DUI), one for receiving stolen property, one for possession of marijuana, one for theft of property, one for public intoxication, and two for VPI.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eighteen for speeding, one for running a stop sign, three for no driver's license, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for no child restraint, one for reckless driving, two for DUI, and two for driving while driver's license is revoked.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 401 (9:36 a.m.). Wreck reported in front of Big/Little East (10:30 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - River stage - 3:30 (6:12 a.m.). Wreck reported on Buford Street (8:50 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (8:54 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Hickman Avenue (9:46 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - Car alarm on Teresa Street (5:33 a.m.). River stage - 4:29 (6:36 a.m.). Wreck reported in front of

Big/Little East (8:49 a.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - River stage - 4:35 (6:42 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at Fred's on the By-pass (5:50 p.m.). Disturbance reported at Burch's Trailer Court (6:35 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - River stage - 4:14 (6:15 a.m.). Burglary reported at a residence on Old Sanson Road (11:11 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Claxton Avenue (11:18 a.m.). Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (11:58 a.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - Alarm on Williams Avenue (1:20 a.m.). Alarm at the office in Morrow Village (5:36 a.m.). River stage - 23:81 (7:11 a.m.). Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 87S (9:59 a.m.). Alarm on Plant Avenue (11:04 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 400 (5:02 p.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on AL Hwy. 125N (6:33 p.m.). Powder reported on AL Hwy. 87N (9:43 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at Burch's Trailer Court (10:47 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - Disturbance reported on Guyton Street (2:51 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Guyton Street (2:51 a.m.). River stage - 3:26 (6:52 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass/wood-fire on AL Hwy. 125N (11:26 a.m.).

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GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT... Elba Mayor James Grimes is pictured above signing a proclamation designating Thursday, November 18, as the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout in Elba. In doing so, the mayor encourages all smokers and smokeless tobacco users to demonstrate to themselves and others that they can quit, and to encourage children to never start smoking. An increasing number of children are experiencing with a product that can produce lifetime addiction with an increased risk of cancer. Looking on as Mayor Grimes signs the proclamation are Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth and Chairperson of the event, Pam Anderson.

BOE

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doing a good job keeping the old uniforms together," said Bird. "But, they are literally coming apart at the seams."

Board members were shown a computer generated picture of the proposed design of the new uniforms, and were told that their design would make them much more versatile than the old ones.

Band boosters have raised \$9,000 toward the cost of the new uniforms and estimate that future planned fund-raising projects will raise an additional \$4,000. They have been working concession stands at Troy State University's home football games as well as Zion Chapel's

home games.

After a brief question and answer session, Stupl. Bowden said he would review the budget as well as what had been done for other county schools and make a recommendation to the board at the next meeting.

It did not take the board long to decide to stay with the same leadership, as they unanimously re-elected board members Charles Walker and Danny Jernigan to serve as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

In other matters of business, the board took the following actions:

***Adopted board policies previ-

ously discussed and reviewed concerning uniform status, travel, and scheduling of athletic events.

***Accepted bid of \$600 each on two (2) surplus buses. Previous bids rejected by the board were for \$450 each.

***Agreed to advertise for sealed bids on the old Basin School property - approximately 1/2 acre. The old building on the site has already been sold.

***Granted leave to a Zion Chapel bus driver under the Family Medical Leave Act.

***Reorganized the girls' volleyball team from Kingston. They placed fifth in the state tournament.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve as your lieutenant governor.

There have been some misconceptions about our state. The first one is the blanket statement is that Alabama doesn't care about education. Four of every five dollars spent by the state is geared toward education. Our education budget has grown by more than 60 percent this decade.

These are not the traits of a state that doesn't care about education. We will have to be creative in our strategies to improve education.

Throwing our hands in the air and saying "we don't have any money" won't cut it. The people demand accountability and creativity. It is my aim to respond to their call.

On the day after the referendum, I wrote the governor to let him know that I wanted us to look for issues that we could work together on, and that I wanted to work with

him on this new approach to needs-based scholarships.

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Army Pvt. Christopher L. Thomas has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Thomas is the son of Lynda L. and stepson of Gregory H. DuBose of 2347 County Road 148, New Brockton. He is a 1999 graduate of New Brockton High School.

Charlotte T. Adkinson, Field Representative, 135 Factory Ave., Elba, AL. Ph. No. 897-2827

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
The Alabama Legislature, in its last regular session, appropriated more than four billion dollars for education. According to many educators and politicians, this isn't enough.

How much more money will it take to really fix Alabama's education problems?

I recently used e-mail to ask many of my friends in Alabama the above question. Their answer: Alabama's schools have a lot of problems, but more money is not one of them. Collectively, they suggested about a dozen significant reforms of education.

Many voters think the Alabama education system is broken and can't be fixed with more money. They usually turn down the request for more money when they have the opportunity to vote.

Why doesn't some public official lead an effort to thoroughly reform the broken Alabama education system?

Signed,
J. Elbert Peters
1701 Jeannette Circle
Huntsville, AL 35816
(256) 859-3186

Dear Editor:
Please print this letter for the

benefit of the members of the EHS

Class of 1980. Mr. Lovie Cole Sr., born April 14, 1921, died Nov. 1, 1999 at the Medical Center of Alabama.

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As teachers it was great to be included in your festivities. We enjoyed the refreshments and the opportunity to hear your success stories. It was also heartwarming to observe the parenting instinct that has surfaced within many of you.

Again we say, "Thank You," for including us on this special occasion.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Padgett
Jimmie Rhoades

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AREA DEATHS

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Marilyn, four sisters: Queen Ester Caldwell, Mildred King, New Brockton, Christine, New Brockton, and Mary Burns, Queens, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Red Cross offers disaster course

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering Disaster Training for the citizens of Coffee County. The classes will be conducted at the Woodmen of the World house at 510 W. Simmons St. in Elba. The classes to be offered are:

Mass Care - An Overview - Nov. 16 from 6-9 p.m. This course focuses on the activities of the Mass Care function in a disaster. You will learn about sheltering, preparing food, mobile feeding and bulk distribution, and how you can help with mass care in your local Red Cross Chapter.

INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER SERVICES - Nov. 16 from 9-12 p.m. This course is a prerequisite for MASS CARE. Please call your Coffee County Red Cross Chapter at 347-2461 to register. All disaster classes are free.

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Operation Santa Clause Underway

The Salvation Army and the City of Enterprise/Department of Leisure Services is extending the operation Santa Claus for Coffee County to Elba area children ages 1 to 12 years of age. The program will be operated by the Salvation Army policies and guidelines, which will include the verification of all applicants to insure need. Please call 393-8244 if you are interested in volunteering in assisting with this project. Applications will be taken during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Department of Leisure Services (behind Cutt's Restaurant). Applicants will be notified by mail if you have been accepted after verification of application. No phone applications will be taken.

Please help us make this the best operation Santa Claus ever. If you would like to adopt a family or individual off the angel tree, you can do so by contacting the Dept. of Leisure Services between the hours of 9-12 and 1-4:30, Monday through Friday, 347-1211.

To donate toys, please drop them off during business hours, we would like to keep a record of all donations for accountability purposes. The Salvation Army requires this at audit. The toys must be new or in like new condition, remember, this is an exciting and special time for children. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please send to the Department of Leisure Services, Attn: Operation Santa Claus, Enterprise, AL 36330.

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Scripture: Romans 6:1-23

Thinking of you, praying for you: Janie Donald, Rev. Henry Fung Jr., May Bell Belcher, Hannah Coleman, Diane Coleman, Vicki E. Lindsey, J.W. Lindsey, Annie Bell Flournoy, Bernice Hamilton, Lovie Hooks, Mozelle McCormick.

Iselle Hooks, Bronx, N.Y., is visiting her mother, Mary Alice Hooks, of Elba, and other relatives and friends. She also attended Sunday School at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba.



Regina Rochelle Kelley

Regina Rochelle Kelley - Intelligent and Attractive

Regina Rochelle Kelley is the daughter of Junior J. and Mildred B. Kelley of Elba. She is a member of Rocky Head MB Church and employed by the Coffee County Board of Education. She attended Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise and later transferred to Troy State University where she received her B.S. degree in education. She is a fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School. Regina says, "I am very excited about my first year of teaching. I have a great faculty staff and a group of students to work with. I have one sister, Tina Williams, of Elba, and one brother, Jeff Kelley, of Enterprise. Every day, I am blessed to wake up and

Ushers' Anniversary Celebration to be held at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Usher's Anniversary of Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton will be

can teach the students to have pride in themselves. I thank God for my life and family.

Regina has one son, Jordan. God bless you, Regina!

***Sunday School Annual Day was celebrated Sunday, Nov. 7, at Harris Temple COGIC in Elba at 6 p.m. The guest speaker was Lisa Lindsey Belcher of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba. Those attending from Rocky Head MB Church, along with friends, were: Hattie Bell Carpenter, Ernestine Kelley, Samantha Williams, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Pattie Marie Culver, Stephanie Williams, Michelle Carpenter, Robert Edwards, Catherine Carpenter and Ti Tiana, Tanesha Edwards, Juanita B. Brooks, Kimberly Kelley, Melissa Kelley, Connie Moody, Curtis Kelley, Evelyn Manning, Roderick Rideaux, Layon Rideaux, Betty Reflegee, Shirley Coleman and Betty Lindsey Belcher.

***Benefit Program for Bro. and Sis. Frank Phillips Sr. will be Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Elba.

***One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Session of the Mulberry Association, Inc., affiliation with the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, will be held at the Mulberry Educational Building Highway 166 (near 84) in Elba on Nov. 11, 12 & 13. Rev. J.G. Chatham, moderator; Rev. A.R. Williams, 1st vice-moderator; Rev. E. Freney, 2nd vice-moderator.

***Welcome to the Annual Matrons' Anniversary of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba on Nov. 28 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Alfonso Ross, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church of Troy.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History

Monthly Motivation: All mothers are handicapped. They have only two hands. —Enola P. McMillan, first woman to become executive director of the NAACP.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. John I. Baxter

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Is God for Real?

The story is told of a professor of philosophy at a major university in this country who was a deeply committed atheist. His primary goal for one required class was to spend the entire semester attempting to prove that God couldn't exist.

His students were always afraid to argue with him because of his impeccable logic. For twenty years, he had taught this class and no one had ever had the courage to go against him. Sure, some had argued in class at times, but no one had ever "really gone against him."

Nobody would go against him because he had a reputation. At the end of every semester, on the last day, he would say to his class of 300 students, "If there is anyone here who still believes in Jesus, stand up!"

In twenty years, no one had ever stood up. They knew what he was going to do next. He would say, "Because anyone who does believe in God is a fool. If God existed, he could stop this piece of chalk from hitting the ground and breaking. Such a simple task to prove that he is God, and yet he can't do it." And every year, he would drop the chalk onto the tile floor of the classroom and it would shatter into a hundred pieces. All of the students could do nothing but stop and stare. Most of the students were convinced that God couldn't exist. Certainly, a number of believers had slipped through, but for 20 years, they had been too afraid to stand up. Well, a few years ago, there was a freshman who happened to get enrolled in the class. He was a Christian, and had heard the stories about this professor. He had to take the class because it was one of the required classes for his major and he was afraid. But for 3 months that semester, he prayed every morning that he would have the courage to stand up to his professor and did what ever shatter his faith, he hoped.

Finally the day came. The professor said, "If there is anyone here who still believes in God, stand up!" The professor and the class of 300 people looked at this young man, shocked, as he stood up at the back of the classroom. The professor shouted, "You FOOL! If God existed, he could keep this piece of chalk from breaking when it hit the ground!" He proceeded to drop the chalk, but as he did, it slipped out of his fingers, off his shirt cuff, onto the pleats of his pants, down his leg, and off his shoe. As it hit the ground, it simply rolled away, unbroken.

The professor's jaw dropped as he stared at the chalk. He looked up at the young man and then ran out of the lecture hall.

The young man who had stood up proceeded to walk to the front of the room and share his faith in Jesus for the next half-hour. Three hundred students stayed and listened as he told of God's love for them and his power through Jesus.

Think About It!!

Gospel Singing to be held at Calvary Baptist Church

A Gospel Singing will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Brantley, Saturday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m.

New Haven Baptist Church Revival planned for November 14-17

Revival at New Haven Baptist Church, Coffee County Road 410, Elba, will be Sunday, Nov. 14, through Wednesday, Nov. 17. The revival will begin on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m., and continue Monday, Nov. 15, through Wednesday, Nov.

Living Proof will be the guest singing group. Everybody is invited to attend.



Miss Hammonds & Mr. Watkins

Hammonds-Watkins wedding date set for December 18, 1999

Ms. Willie Mae Rogers Dubose of Opp announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Sylvia Rogers Hammonds, to James Dexter Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Watkins of Repton, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Will Rogers Sr. and the late Louise Rogers of Elba. She is a graduate of Opp High School.

The bridegroom is the grandson

of the late Edmond Watkins and Willie Lou Watkins of Repton, Ala., and James Rudolph and the late Corina Rudolph of Belleville, Ala. He is a graduate of Hillcrest High School in Evergreen, Ala.

The wedding is set for December 18, 1999 at 3 p.m. at the Nazareth Baptist Church in Opp, Ala. A reception will follow at the Jeffcoat Building.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

Holley Store Reunion planned for Saturday, November 13th

The Holley Store Community Wide Meal and Reunion will be held Saturday, Nov. 13, at 12 Noon in the Holley Store Community building in Kinston. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a covered dish and well filled basket.



Jonathan Austin Weeks

Michael and Angela Weeks of Troy announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Austin, on Sept. 3, 1999. He weighed 9 lbs. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Gloria and Ted Bryant and George and Kathy Tolin, all of Troy. Great-grandparents are J.L. and Lois Edgar of Elba.

Jonathan was welcomed home by his brother, Justin.



Three-In-One Study Club members enjoy November meeting

The Three-In-One Study Club held its November meeting on Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Elba Public Library.

Hostess was Mrs. Donald Lee. Mrs. Lee served a delicious dessert table to the members and guests. Devotion was given by Mrs. Margaret Hasty, and Mrs. Wilson Newman presided during the business session.

After taking care of the regular business, Mrs. Newman introduced her sister, Mrs. Virginia Reddick of Pace, Fla., as the special guest.

Mrs. Reddick presented a wonderful program on arts and crafts for Christmas time. She had an extravagant exhibit on the many different crafts she has created for the holiday season. Mrs. Reddick explained the making of each item. She also gave a handout on how to make a magnolia to each person attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after Mrs. Reddick's presentation.

Annley has two surviving great grandparents. They are Mr. Gordon Capps and Mrs. Lois Hudson, both are residents of Elba.

After the guests enjoyed refreshments, Annley's mother assisted her in opening her many carefully chosen gifts.

ESJC Entertainers To Present Fall Show

The renowned Enterprise State Junior College Entertainers will present their Fall Show at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12 in the Student Center Multipurpose Room. The concert will feature the music of Jules Styne, Elvis, as well as other popular styles. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. For more information, call Dr. Richard Snyder at 393-ESJC, ext. 319.

Cape to speak at Historical Society meeting

Steve Cape, an avid Indian artifacts collector, will speak at the Nov. 21 meeting of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society at Enterprise State Junior College. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m., and members and guests are invited.

Cape is a native of Coffee County, reared in the Jack Community. He and his wife Denise have four children and are in the printing business. He sings and plays the guitar in the children's music ministry of his church.

The Cape family's travels have given them the opportunity of learning the history of native Americans, and collecting artifacts.

Annley Marye Padgett is one year old



Annley Marye Padgett

Miss Lewis & Mr. Moore announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Maxwell Lewis of Enterprise announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Kelly Lewis, to Kevin Wesley Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randle Lamar Moore of Opp.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mary K. Jackson of Enterprise and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Lewis of Montgomery.

Miss Lewis is a 1993 graduate of Enterprise High School and a 1997 graduate of Troy State University where she earned a B.S. degree in chemistry. She is employed as a chemist in Mobile.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas P. Hawthorne Jr. of Kinston and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Moore of Elba.

Mr. Moore is a 1993 graduate of Kinston High School. He attended Enterprise State Junior College and plans to continue his education in criminal justice beginning in January. He is currently employed in Mobile.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, December 4, at 4:30 p.m. at the Opp Church of Christ in Opp.

A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. All family and friends are invited.



Miss Lewis



Miss Bryan and Mr. Bozeman

Bryan-Bozeman to be united in holy matrimony Saturday, December 18th

Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan of the Rose Hill community announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tamberli Rosanna, to Steven R. Bozeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bozeman Jr. of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ms. Eunice Lowman of Dozier and Mr. Kenneth Lowman of Dozier and Mrs. Lorene Bryan and the late D.J. Bryan of the Rose Hill community.

She is a 1997 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Troy State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Business and Spanish. She currently is pursuing her Master's degree in education at Auburn University and is employed with a school system of Cowington County.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Meacham of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Max Bozeman Jr. of Brantley.

He is a 1994 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agribusiness and economics.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, December 18, 1999 at 4 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church.

No formal invitations will be sent, but all friends and family are invited to attend.

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS THE LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.		FANON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.		FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.		JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.		NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.		NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.		NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. 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SCHOOLS

Junior High Basketball News

Seventh Grade Boys Team Wins First Two Games

The season began in late October with a game against the Kinston Bulldogs in Kinston. On this night, the girls team, the seventh grade boys team and the eighth grade boys team each had games. Bertha Scott was the girls team high-point person with 10 points. Inessa Wambles scored 8 points and Meta Gatlin added two. The final score was Zion Chapel 20 and Kinston 32. The leading scorer for the seventh grade team was Josh Smith who scored 13 points. Austin Smith scored 10 and Luke Taylor scored 8 points. The final score was Zion Chapel 31, Kinston 16. Jamey White scored 10 points to lead the eighth grade team in scoring. Jeremy Eddins scored 4 points. Josh Robert scored 3 points, and Johnell Brown scored 2 points to make the final score Zion Chapel 19, Kinston 44.

The next game of the junior high season was played against Fleet at Zion Chapel. The score when the girls game was over was Zion Chapel 12, Fleet 62. Bertha Scott again led the team with 8 points and Kristen McEndon added 4. The seventh grade team won its game against Fleet with a score of Zion Chapel 28, Fleet 11. Josh Smith again led his team in scoring with 8 points. Austin Smith and TJ Winters each scored six while Jamie Wise, Luke Taylor, Justin Bragg, and Lamar Boggs each scored 2 points. The score at the end of the eighth grade game was Zion Chapel 21, Fleet 33. Johnell Brown scored 14 points to lead the team in scoring. Macon Hodge added 3 points to the score while Jason Danley and Jeremy Eddins each added 2.

FHA Meeting

by Ceretha Towles

The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) recently held its monthly meeting. President Heather Arnold called the meeting to order and discussed several different fund raisers. Of the choices, it was decided to hold a bake sale in the break area during break. Vice President Ceretha Towles discussed the community service project. The membership chose to have a canned food drive for the Christian Mission and a picnic lunch is to be rewarded to the members who bring a certain number of items.

Reporter Daphne Jirright and Secretary Pam Cotton introduced a game in which all members participated. It encouraged everyone to associate with each other. After this activity, refreshments, which were brought by the members, were served. The meeting was adjourned until next month.



Red Ribbon Week Winners



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS: DeVanna Parker (l), Kegan Hussey (r), and Adam Carter (standing).



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS: (l-r) seated - Brooke Stinson, Cali Crook, Kayla rook, and Courtney Grant; Jeremy Sheed, Hunter Walden, Jeremy Grisset, and Harry White. Not picture - Jessie Carroll.

SUPPORT YOUTH & EDUCATION

FBLA Theme: Failure Is Not An Option

by Ceretha Towles

During a year when the theme for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is "Failure Is Not An Option," it is appropriate that the members of the local Chapter have adopted FBLA's "The Winners' Circle" as a special project.

FBLA chapters and members can "Go For The Gold" by participating in the Winners' Circle recognition program. Designed to highlight those chapters and members who go above and beyond in their FBLA participation, this program includes both chapter and individual member awards. FBLA chapters can challenge for the Gold Key Chapter Award and FBLA members can complete either the Silver Member or the Gold Member challenge.

To become a Gold Key Chapter, chapters must complete 9 of 12 activities that include submitting at least one member's nomination for the Gold or Silver Member recognition, maintain or increase national membership, have 100% business class membership in FBLA, recruit a school official or administrator to participate in a chapter activity, participate in a public visibility project or a community service project, participate in an FBLA learning experience or leadership activity,

solicit and receive at least one new business sponsorship, activate or charter at least two local chapters, submit an article to a national or state publication, submit a contribution to the FBLA Distinguished Business Leader Scholarship Fund, or recruit five professional members. Gold and Silver Member requirements are similar activities.

Participants are given a certificate of Recognition and a Letter of Commendation is sent to the principal of the school, lapel pins, ribbons to wear on name tags at national conferences, and inclusion on the Winners' Circle Honor Roll which is published in the national FBLA magazine, Tomorrow's Business Leader.

Several members of the Zion Chapel Chapter are interested in participating in The Winners' Circle and have already begun activities to help them achieve this goal. The entire membership is included in the activities needed to become a Gold Key Chapter.

ZC's Harvest King & Queen



Paris Sanders is the 1999 Harvest Queen, and Brett Cardwell is the 1999 Harvest King. Paris is the daughter of Tabetta and Patrick Sanders, and Brett is the son of Alicia Cardwell. The king and queen of the Harvest Festival are crowned after it has been determined that they are the candidates who have raised the most revenue.

SUPPORT EDUCATION & YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Middle Level FBLA Holds First Meeting

Thirty-seven seventh and eighth grade students at Zion Chapel High School and Middle School have chosen to become charter members of a new chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. Dues have been paid, and an application has been made for the charter.

The first meeting of this new chapter was called to order by its sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan, because as of yet no officers have been chosen.

An official order of business was discarded, and the items of business that were necessary for the meeting were discussed.

An explanation of officer selection was named. Anyone who wishes to seek an office must write an essay explaining what qualities he or she has for the job and what their plans for the chapter would be if they held an office. President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, historian, and parliamentarian are the offices for which the members may make application.

Ms. Rita Johnston from A+ Sales was introduced, and she explained the items that will be for sale by FBLA members. The sales brochure that was used was called Holly Jolly Dreams, and it was filled with Christmas candy, decorations, ribbon and wrapping paper.

The brochure also contained items that would make great Christmas gifts.

The person who sold the most first week was given a \$10 bill. The high salesperson will be given \$30. Each person who sells will be allowed to select a gift from a prize brochure furnished by A+ Sales. Everyone who sells a minimum of \$50 will be invited to a special picnic lunch. Everyone who sells \$100 or more will have their FBLA dues refunded.

After a time for questions and answers about the fund raising event, the meeting was adjourned.

Seniors Study Old English Literature

by Jessica Kelley

The heroic epic, Beowulf, is the first item of English literature that has been studied by the members of the instruction of Miss Stacy Steck. Beowulf is the first major work of English literature, and it is an epic poem. One or more unknown authors wrote it in the 700s. The poem tells about the adventures of a brave hero named Beowulf.

The class members are learning something about the Old English language. During the A.D. 400s and 500s, these Germanic tribes—the Angles, Jutes, and Saxons—settled in England and established powerful kingdoms. Together, these tribes are called Anglo-Saxons.

They used dialects that became known as Old English or Anglo-Saxon. Old English served as the chief literary language of England until about 1100. In 597, Saint Augustine of Canterbury converted the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. English literature began through the combined influence of the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms and the Christian church.

English literature consists of the poetry, prose, and drama written in the English language by authors in England, Scotland, and Wales. Since 1707, the three countries have been politically united under the name Great Britain. Each of the countries, but especially England, has produced outstanding writers.

During their study of English literature, the members of the class were asked to take a parody, poem, or verse of a song and put it in the form of the times. By using such words, as thee, thou, hath, and doeth, students began to form their projects.

To make projects look old so that they would look as if they had been written long ago, everything from tap water to vanilla food coloring was used to stain the papers. Some people even burned the edges of their papers. Each senior read the text of his or her projects and explained the decorations of the project and the reason a particular text had been chosen.

Coffee County Schools Menu November 15 - 19, 1999

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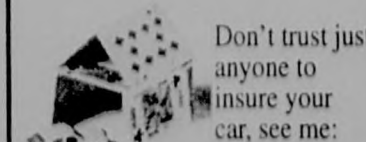
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Tuesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - French Toast, Syrup, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Chicken & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

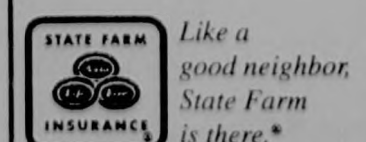
Monday - Corned Beef, Chicken Sandwich, Onion Rings, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Brownie, Milk
Tuesday - Ham & Cheese Croissant, Turkey Roast, English Peas, Potato Rounds, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Hotdog, Creamed Corn, Broccoli & Cheese Sauce, Fruit, Ice Cream Cup, Milk
Thursday - Fish Nuggets, Country Fried Steak, Butter Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Fruit, Juice, Bar, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Thanksgiving Lunch: Baked Turkey, Stink Sandwich, Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, WK Corn, Fruit, Rolls, Cake, Milk

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Co-Op Spotlight



by Natasha Bannin

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Stephen Smith. He is employed at the Law Offices of Smith and Carr. His job duties include running errands, doing research, and doing odd jobs around the office.

Stephen is the son of Al and Sara Smith and is a senior at Elba High. He is a member of FFA, VICA, and Spanish Club. His future plans are to attend Auburn University and major in Veterinary Medicine.

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Be Fair Or Be Square

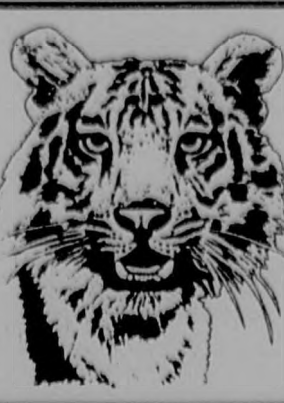
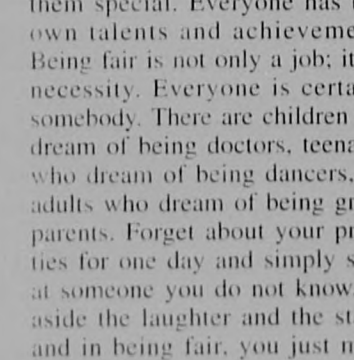
by Cammie Kelley

FAIR. It is a very short word that has a very short meaning; however, its effects on people are memorable and significantly important. Fair simply means just and honest. However, many people view fairness as a joke. It is a joke that is truly taken too far.

Now days, people have become very judgmental. They do not look to what people are like; instead, they look to what they have. Children are ignored at school because they do not wear the most expensive shoes. Teenagers are considered outcasts simply because they are diverse. Adults are not spoken to in the highest wages. Everyday many people have to face the unfair world.

How does this affect people? Children find themselves longing to fit in. They see themselves as failures and hope to be accepted one day. However, this can stay with a child forever. Teenagers' self-esteem drops to a dangerous level. They feel as if nothing they do will ever amount to anything. Adults can slowly fall into a state of depression. Unfairness can cause serious emotional problems.

God created everyone equal. No one has a specific trait that makes them special. Everyone has their own talents and achievements. Being fair is not only a job; it is a necessity. Everyone is certainly somebody. There are children who dream of being doctors, teenagers who dream of being dancers, and adults who dream of being grandparents. Forget about your priorities for one day and simply smile at someone you do not know. Put aside the laughter and the stares, and in being fair, you just might find a friend to love and care.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Kimberly Ward
Cammie Kelley

TIGER BRIEFS

Dedicated Doctor

by Sara K. Miller

On Oct. 21, Ms. Debbie Franklin from Mizell Memorial Hospital came to tell EHS seniors a little about health occupations. Ms. Franklin talked about all of the courses people interested in a health occupation would need to take in college. She also spoke about the requirements students would have to have and the salary someone would make. It was a great learning experience for Elba High students.

Veteran's Day

by Kimberly Ward

On Nov. 11, a very special time will be celebrated. Veteran's Day is a day to honor and remember everyone who fought in foreign and domestic wars. To celebrate the great men and women, many programs and assemblies will be held. On Nov. 10, the Freedom Forum Speakers were at Elba High School to honor these special people. When you see a Veteran, pat them on the back and say thank you. When you pass by the American flag, stop for just a second and think about its history. But most of all, think about the men who died for you and our freedom.

Hoop Dreams

by Emily Qualls

Basketball season is just around the corner. Under the coaching of Coach Marlon Johnston, the Tigers hope to have a good season. Coach Johnston has been preparing the team with many hours of practice. They practice everyday during and after school. They start practicing about 1:30 p.m. and end sometime around 5 p.m. The team consists of grades 9 through 10 and the Varsity team consists of grades 11 through 12. They will be playing in a tournament the week of Thanksgiving on the dates of November 23, 24, 26, and the 27th. These games will be played in New Brockton and Kinston.

Spanish Club Field Trip

by Amy Kirkland

On Friday, Oct. 22, the EHS Spanish Club, as well as students from many other schools, took a field trip to Ashford High School. The students on the trip enjoyed seeing dances from several Spanish speaking countries, including Cuba, Colombia, and Mexico. The crowd got to participate in the program with Spanish sing-alongs. Talented guitarists and drummers entertained the large audience as well. The trip was a fun, yet educational way for students to learn more about Spanish cultures.

Student Spotlight

by Kimberly Ward

This week's Student Spotlight focuses on Heather Hays and Andy Wood. These students should be commended for their hard work and dedication toward school and life.

Heather is the Junior High Student Spotlight. Heather is a ninth grader at Elba High. Mr. Wynn Grimes nominated Heather because he says that she is a real joy to teach. Coach Grimes also says, "She is well-liked by her peers and is very involved in extracurricular activities."



Andy Wood

Andy Wood is the Senior High Student Spotlight. Mr. Ricky Carlisle recommended Andy. Andy has really excelled in mechanical drawing. Mr. Carlisle was impressed with Andy because he drew the Emergency Fire and Tornado Diagrams for the schoolwide safety plan.

ESJC NEWS

Free Session On How To Go To College

Enterprise State Junior College offers a free information session to anyone with questions concerning how to be admitted to college, how to register, how to obtain financial aid, viable career options, current market trends for various career fields, what courses are required for specific programs of study, and more.

The session will be held on Thursday, December 2, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the ESJC Student Center's Career Development Center. College personnel from Admissions, Financial Aid, Counseling, and Academic Divisions will be available to answer questions.

"We hope that anyone who is just thinking about going to college will attend this free information session because we hope to address any questions that they might have," says Mrs. Robin Wyatt, Director of ESJC Admissions.

For more information about the session, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Competition: Healthy or Harmful?

by Cammie Kelley

The idea of competition has brought up a lot of controversy over the past few years. Is competition healthy or harmful? There are many positive and negative effects of competition. Individuals see competition in many different ways.

On the positive end, competition pushes a person to be the very best. One tries harder, becomes more dedicated, and becomes more confident. It is a force that causes people to interact with others. In sports, it helps develop teamwork. Everyone works together to be the very best. In the end, one team wins and the other team is defeated. Competition gives rewards for hard work and helps people in facing defeat.

On the negative end, one's self-esteem can be greatly affected by competition. A person may never feel like he is good enough. This can be very detrimental to a person's mind and body, especially if they develop negative feelings at a young age. Parents who constantly push their children greatly affect the child's attitude. Pushing a child too hard can cause a child to develop feelings of worthlessness, unhappiness, and lack in confidence. Losing a game or contest can cause these feelings to grow even stronger. A person is influenced mainly by how they are taught to handle defeat.

I interviewed several students from Elba High about competition. Here are their answers:

Carson Waters: "Competition is

healthy because it gives you something to look forward to."

Melissa Kelley: "Competition is healthy sometimes, but it is also harmful. If you win, you're happy. If you lose, you may feel uncomfortable."

Brandon Petty: "Competition makes you perform to the best of your ability. I consider it healthy."

Michelle Weston: "I think competition is healthy. You think of

ways to win, so it gives your mind something to do."

Marquize Tyson: "It's healthy. It helps you get in shape."

Competition is an individual thing. It is up to an individual to determine his destiny. Anyone can be a sore loser; however, it takes a strong person to accept defeat. People should always remember that everyone is certainly a winner.

Meet Our Faculty

by Emilee Benbow

This week the journalism staff is spotlighting Ms. Judith Tucker.

Ms. Tucker teaches eighth and twelfth grade English. Ms. Tucker has been teaching at Elba High School for 34 years and still has many more lives she will touch before she is through.

She attended Laverne High School and obtained her teaching degree from Troy State University. What inspired Ms. Tucker to become a teacher was feeling as though she could make a difference in someone's life. Her favorite thing about teaching is when she knows that a student has genuinely learned and truly understands what she is teaching.

Although Ms. Tucker does admit that she does NOT like to grade papers!

We would like to thank Mrs. Tucker for her dedication and for



Judith Tucker

all of the years she has invested in the students of Elba High School.

Elba Elementary School Menu November 15 - 19, 1999

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Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Pear Slices, Milk
Tuesday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Fish Burger, Cole Slaw, Rice, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Friday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Cake w/Icing, Milk

Elba High School Seeking Pictures

We are seeking pictures of events that occurred at Elba High School from 1902 until 1996. If anyone has pictures that we can use, please call Julie Norris or Amy Kirkland at Elba High School at 897-2266.

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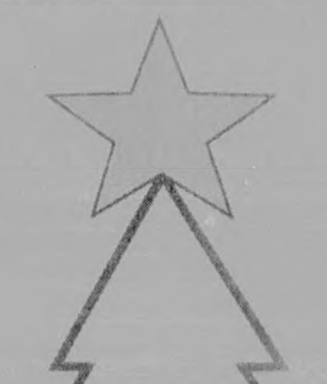
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There will be an Open House at the new Police Department, several merchants will be hosting their annual Christmas open houses.

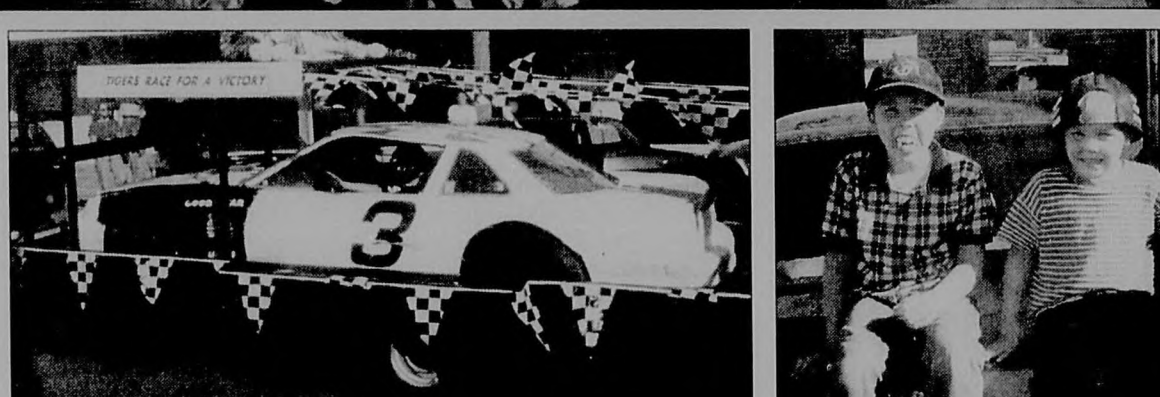
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Local trail riders "Head 'em up" and "Roll 'em out"



LEADER OF THE PACK. Bobby Boutwell, with his aggressive spirit, throws caution to the wind as he avoids the well beaten path to lead his cohorts into the uncertainty of the waters of Spring Creek.

Head 'em up, Roll 'em out are terms that most of us associate with the nostalgia of our childhood as we met at the local theater on a Saturday afternoon to ride with the cowboys and become a part of the "ole wild west." Not so with a group of

our locals who were not satisfied with a vicarious experience but became a part of the experience as they hitched their mules to the wagons to begin their 115 mile excursion on Sept. 25 from Bainbridge, Ga. to Bonifay, Fla. on Oct. 1.

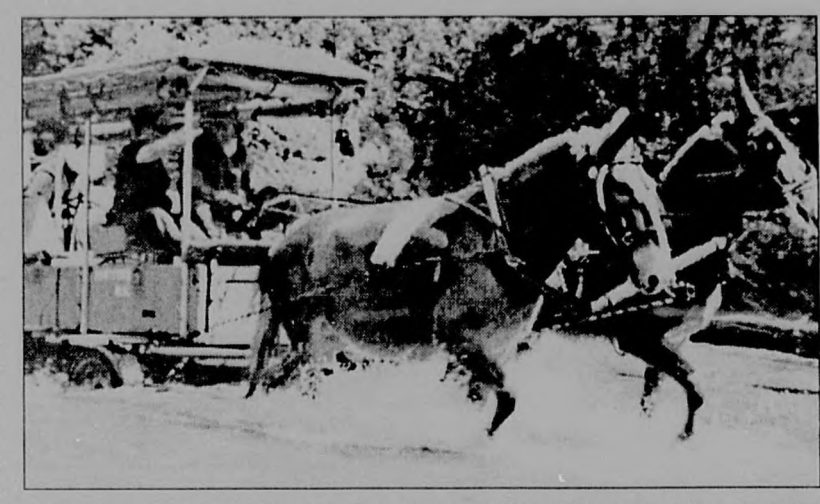
Joining the Bainbridge Trail Blazers from the Coffee County area were Bobby Boutwell, Frankie Allen, Jerry Bedsole, Fred Oglesby, James Carlie, Zackie Storey and Doyle Hudson. Also joining the crew was Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Nelson (Shirley Taylor), formerly of Elba. The total group was comprised of 25 wagons and approximately 100 horseback riders. Not only was this group along for the ride, but also the activities, which they participated, related to a time most have to experience through the

written word. Most activities are centered around food, and this one was no exception. Pitching camp came early on the trail. As the old chuck wagon made its way to the center and dropped its tailgate, things were getting set for a night at the campground. Some of the crew began preparing the meal as others fed the stock for the night. There was no fast food line for this group even if a Hardee's was just across

the road from the camp. These guys and gals were out for the real thing. Everyone lent a helping hand with the pots and pans as good real trail food was prepared for the group. No instant or prepared stuff for this rugged crew as they cooked their meat and potatoes and prepared the side dishes that went along with solid food. These cowhands were so relaxed by the time the last plate full was emptied that even the antics had to take a back seat to this social function.

This laid back meal had put everyone into such a peaceful state that no one even cared about going to bed. By this time, the old campfire was burning brightly as the flickering flames put the minds into high gear, and the tall tales began to issue forth from the occupants as they remembered when. Each cowpoke had his favorite tale, and everyone had a great 'ole mule' to eulogize. Bedtime came about midnight on the plains.

It was a trip of the day and also a trip of yesterday, but a trip for tomorrow. This group had something to experience as well as something to relate down the road "a piece" as they prepared for the next great trail ride.



Fred Oglesby makes his entrance.

The horses splash through the water as the riders enjoy the scenery

Annual Christmas Festival Pageant set for Nov. 26

The annual Christmas Festival Pageants will be held on Friday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Dress will be casual, and the pageant is not limited to Elba residents only. Entry fee is \$10 and should be submitted with the bio sheet.

Practice will be held on Monday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. for the first three divisions and 7 p.m. for the older girls. This is not a mandatory practice. If you will not be attending, please be sure that we have your bio sheet and entry fee prior to this so we can draw a number for you.

Division are as follows: Tiny Tot - birth to 23 months; Petite Miss - 2 to 4 years of age; Little Miss - Kindergarten to 3rd Grade; Mini Miss - 4th to 6th Grades; Junior Miss - 7th to 9th Grades; Miss - 10th to 12th Grades.

All contestants are invited to ride in the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. The line-up will be behind the old high school and will begin at 4:30 p.m. If your child is under the age of 4, we ask that an adult accompany her on the float. Also, the chamber is asking that no one other than Santa throw candy during the parade.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m. or Kaye Whitworth at the chamber office at 897-3125.

OppFest '99 to be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 13

The City of Opp and the Downtown Redevelopment Authority (DRA) will sponsor a festival to celebrate the completion of the Danley Plaza. The celebration will take place this Saturday, Nov. 13. 'OppFest '99' will be held in downtown Opp from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the dedication of the plaza to be held at 2 p.m. The booths will feature arts, crafts, food and there will be entertainment throughout the day.

The entire day will be capped off with a street dance from 6-9 p.m. There is no admission charge for the day's activities.

Have A Safe & Happy Veteran's Day!!



Stacy Lee (left) receives his award from Byron White, president of the Montgomery Area Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, while Jerri Henley, administrator of the Elks Center, looks on.

Local man continues to win awards

Stacy Lee was injured seven years ago in an automobile accident. He was in a coma for several months. When he did come out of the coma, his ability to walk again was questionable. From the time of the accident till today, Stacy has made remarkable strides toward recovery.

Stacy was referred to Goodwill Industries of Central Alabama in 1998 for work adjustment and training. He started renewing his past skills in computers and with Goodwill's help he has a job today as a data entry clerk at Colonial Mortgage Company.

The Montgomery Area Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities recognized Stacy as the Outstanding Trainee for giving 100 percent during employability, training and setting an example for the trainees to follow.

Vickie Fitz-Gerald, director of

the Employment Development Program at Goodwill Industries, said that workers with disabilities are an untapped labor pool, which has skills to fulfill company needs.

Stacy is the son of Aline and W.D. Lee of Elba.

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Area News

Pumpkin Fest enjoyed by all at Elba United Methodist Church recently



Elba United Methodist youth enjoy hayride.

S.E. Alabama
Championship Rodeo to
be held in New Brockton



Bobbing for apples is fun.

The City of New Brockton will host the Southeast Alabama Championship Rodeo on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. Proceeds from the concession stands will benefit the Christian Mission Centers. This professional Rodeo will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Christian Mission Centers and Bo Campbell Rodeo Productions, producers of this exciting event, will also donate \$1 to the Centers for each advance ticket sold. Advance tickets are \$9 Adult, \$5 Children 12 & Under. Tickets at the door will be \$10 Adult and \$6 Children 12 & Under, free.

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Members of the Class of 1949 gathered on the steps of the old Elba High School from which they graduated fifty years ago. Pictured left to right are, (front row): Martha Wise Grimes, Elba; Opal Sue Plant Crook, Panama City Beach, Fla.; Joanne Thomason Rainer, Elba; Johnnie Johnson Travis, Tyler, Ala.; Mary Cody Flowers, Elba; Nell Hornsby Barksdale, Opelika; Edna Sue McCollough Stinson, Elba; Mathalyn Johnson Farris, Elba; Douglas Lee, Elba; Eula Mae Nalls Meredith, Enterprise; (Second row): Mary Padgett Young, Elba; Nellie Mae Holloway Eng, Elba; Elizabeth Miles Hamm, Decatur; Dr. Lavonia Johnson Casperson, Shreveport, La.; Totsye Lee Boutwell, Elba; Delatha Rayburn Christian, Luverne; Louise Daniels Motley, Chancellor; Mavis Eddins Kendrick, Chatham; Marion Brunson, Elba; (Third row): Billy English, Elba; Donald Taylor, La Center, Ky.; Everette Kelly, Elba; Ethelene Crocker Tucker, Elba; Freddie Rainer, Elba; Orell King, Montgomery; Dr. Paul Kendrick, Chatham; (Back row): Bill Grimes, Elba; Billy Jacobs, Enterprise; Dr. Leon Davis, Montevallo; Wyeth Bragg, Panama City Beach, Fla.; Hoyt Williams, Union Springs.

Golden Anniversary celebrated by 1949 class

Sixty four classmates and spouses gathered at Aunt B's on Saturday night, Oct. 30, to celebrate fifty years after graduating from Elba High School.

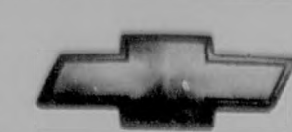
The buffet dinner and a great time of fellowship was greatly enjoyed. The 49ers also participated in the Homecoming parade and sat in a reserved section at the football game. They gathered for breakfast and spent the day visiting friends and family. The evening buffet completed their celebration.

Deceased members of the Class of 1949 are: Patricia Flowers Johnson; Roy Adams; Agnes Ferrell; Mattie Pearl Jacobs Meacham; Nell Fuller Danford; Charles Martin; Donald McCollough; and Velma Godwin Crocker.

Three couples in the class married and all six were present at the fiftieth celebration. These are JoAnne Thomason and Freddie Rainer; Martha Wise and Bill Grimes; and Mavis Eddins and Rev. Dr. Paul Kendrick.

Mathalyn Johnson Farris and her daughter, Deborah, prepared a sixty-five page book for members of the class. A copy of this book is being placed in the Elba High School Library.

Members of the 1949 planning committee were: Mathalyn Farris; Totsye Boutwell; JoAnne Rainer; Edna Sue Stinson; Ethelene Tucker; Everette Kelley; Freddie Rainer and Marion Brunson.



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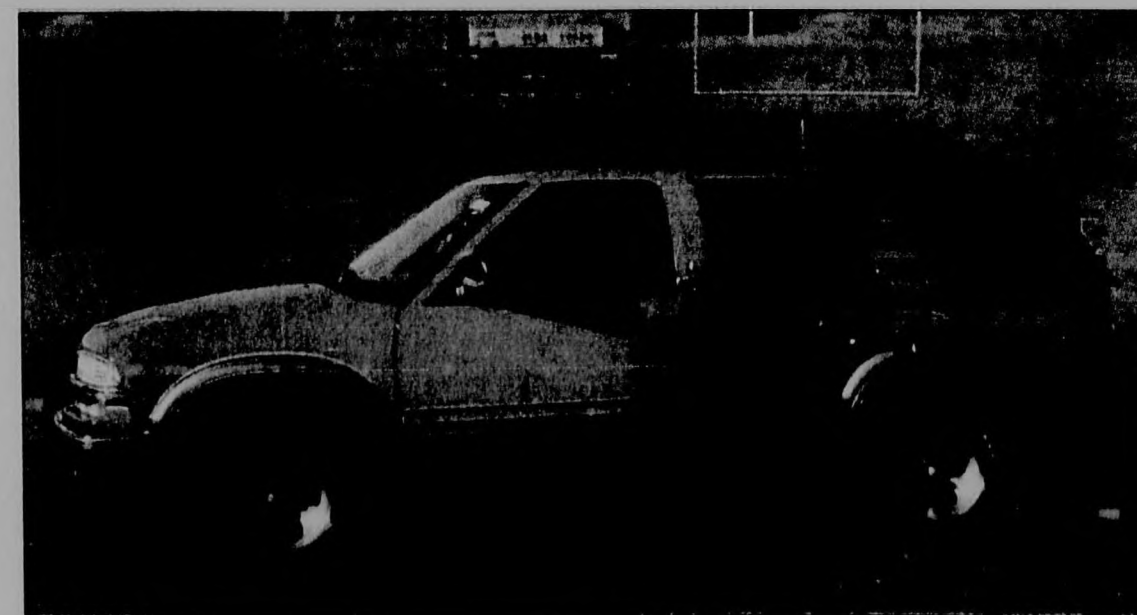
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Last week's cool spell sent Melanie up to the top of her bunk bed to get closer to the vent in the ceiling, while Melissa simply turned up the dial on her electric blanket, and Mom and Dad took turns fighting over the covers. We all like the cooler weather, but it did cause some problems come bed time!

ELBA TIGERS END SEASON WITH PLAYOFF LOSS

The Elba Tigers played give-away last week with the Trinity Wildcats, and the Wildcats were more than happy to receive the Tigers' gifts as they turned three interceptions into two touchdowns and one field-goal en route to a 32-14 win in the opening round of the Class 3A playoffs. The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 3-7, and marked the fourth straight season in which Elba has failed to win over three games.

The Tiger offense, which appeared to be on the verge of putting it all together in three late-season wins, managed only three first downs and 31 yards in total offense in the opening two quarters, while setting up 10 of Trinity's 23 points with turnovers. The offense did come to life in the second half and scored on two consecutive possessions, but other than the two scoring drives did absolutely nothing, and on its final two possessions kept the ball for only three plays, while giving away a fumble and a pass interception. The Tigers had lacked a consistent offense throughout the season, and it showed Friday night against a Trinity team that was aggressive on defense.

The Elba defense played hard, as always, but gave up some big plays that resulted in two Trinity touchdowns, and just gave out of gas and will-power late in the game when the Wildcats punched in their final score of the night. The defense battled with the talented Trinity offense, and time after time managed to keep the game close after mistakes by the offense, but in the end simply took too many punches and suffered the loss. The Elba defense allowed only 211 yards in total offense. However, one Trinity field-goal came after an 11-yard drive, one touchdown came on a 41-yard drive, another score came on a pass interception, and the final score of the night came on a 30-yard drive after a fumble.

The disappointing loss was simply another chapter in what was another disappointing season for the Tigers and their fans, and when you look at the roster and see the names of the eight seniors that will be lost for next season, it is hard to believe that better days are ahead any time soon.

BROCKTON AND BRANTLEY BOTH SURVIVE OPENING ROUND

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs both survived tough opening round tests last week, and will be confident this week heading into second round action. Here's a quick look back....

*** **NEW BROCKTON (5-6)** put a disappointing record and late-season losing streak to rest with an exciting 22-19 win over Cottonwood. The Gamecocks used an aggressive defense and a big play offense to do their damage against the highly-favored Bears, and once again showed their faithful that the '99 Gamecocks are much better than their record indicates. The entire season has been a battle for New Brockton, and thus far the Gamecocks have backed down from no one.

*** **BRANTLEY (11-40)** posted a 26-0 shut-out win over Akron last week to remain on track to repeat as state champs, but may have suffered a few bumps and bruises, and will be at less than full speed in weeks to come. The Bulldogs still have one of the top defensive units in the state in the 1A ranks, and have too much experience and talent to let the loss of one or two players slow them down much. It won't be easy, but the Bulldogs are still the team to beat.

OPENING ROUND OF PLAYOFFS FILLED WITH SURPRISES

The opening round of the high school football playoffs took place last week, and as always, there were upsets and surprises in all six classifications. Here are just a few.

*** **CLASS 6A** - Robert E. Lee won its rematch over Jeff Davis 13-12 and advanced to the second round with a 5-6 record, while Daphne, one of the best teams in the state nobody knows anything about, made a look very easy in a big 35-14 win over Central, of Phenix City. Dothan's two playoff participants made an early exit as Dothan was pounded by Vigor 34-7 and Northview slipped up against McGill-Toolen 27-25.

*** **CLASS 5A** - Opp survived a late rally by Escambia County to escape with a 29-28 win, while Andalusia found out that nothing is a sure thing in the playoffs as the Bulldogs were stunned by Citronelle 28-14. Greenville saw its miserable season come to an end with a 40-0 loss to Eufrata, and Hillcrest, of Evergreen, made it one and out in a rare playoff appearance with a 26-13 loss to Valley.

*** **CLASS 4A** - Coach Leavy Boutwell's Geneva Panthers made it look easy with a big 53-6 win over lowly-Central, of Hayneville, while Dale County got drubbed by Tallahassee 42-13. Rehobeth saw its late-season surge end with a 21-7 loss to Choctaw County, and T.R. Miller was bumped out in the opening round with a shocking 20-19 loss to Jewson. Looks like an interesting few weeks ahead in South Alabama.

*** **CLASS 3A** - Elba and Slocomb made it out of Area 3 with a combined record of 4-14, and it showed Friday night as the Tigers were ousted by Trinity 32-14 and the Red Tops were spun around by St. James 47-0. Luverne put an end to one of its worst seasons ever with a 20-0 loss to Leroy, while out of the final eight teams left in the south, four are private schools (St. James, UMS-Wright, Trinity and Briarwood).

*** **CLASS 2A** - The local folks did pretty well in the 2A playoffs as

Highland Home ripped Horseshoe Bend 51-13, Houston County outscored Straughn 43-22, Wicksburg clobbered Red Level 32-8, New Brockton upset Cottonwood 22-19 and Geneva County surprised J.F. Shields 43-24. Looks like this part of the state enjoyed its week one matchups.

*** **CLASS 1A** - Brantley had few problems in posting a 26-0 win over Akron, while J.U. Blacksher upset Sunshine 15-12 and G.W. Long scored on a pass interception of the final play of the game to slip past Sweet Water 34-28. Florala also pulled out an impressive 12-9 win over A.L. Johnson, and up the road a piece Nottulsga saw its rematch with Brantley take a detour when the previously undefeated Blue Devils were stunned by Autaugaaville 20-12.

ONCE OVER....NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers moved quickly to fill next year's football schedule with the addition of Highland Home. The Flying Squadron will take the place of Mobile Christian, which decided to remain in the private school ranks, and will give the Tigers three 2A opponents, five 3A region foes, and two 4A opponents. As the Tigers' football fortunes have changed, so has their football schedule.

*** The Elba Tiger basketball team is looking for another big season, and this year the Tigers will play in the CJB and T Thanksgiving Tournament, in New Brockton and Kinston, as well as participate in Christmas Tournaments in both Andalusia and Red Level. The Tigers will meet 6A Enterprise in the opening round of the Thanksgiving tourney, while the Andalusia tourney is always one of the most competitive around, and last year the Tigers lost in the opening round over at Red Level. Looks like the Tigers will find out very quickly just how good they really are.

*** New Brockton jumped to the Wiregrass Athletic Conference last week, and while I understand that the Gamecocks wanted more freedom in making out its schedule in basketball, I don't see why they wanted to join the WAC. None of the teams in the conference are rivals of the Gamecocks in any sport, and New Brockton will never have a problem finding teams to play in any sport, especially basketball. If it is good for the Gamecocks that is great, but I can't see it.

*** I watched the Alabama-LSU game Saturday and honestly felt like the Crimson Tide would lose the game when LSU had the ball late in the game. The Crimson Tide had the game won early in the third quarter, but let the lowly Bengal Tigers back in the contest with some questionable coaching decisions, and some poor special teams play. It took a poor decision by the LSU quarterback on the game's final play to insure the Tide win. I am still not convinced that the Crimson Tide is highly over-rated.

*** Auburn bought another win over the weekend, but like Alabama had to come up with some last-second heroics to grab the victory. I read a story in one of the papers Saturday about how good Tommy Tuberville's out-of-conference record was while coaching in the SEC, and while the numbers

Boys teams remain undefeated

Elba Junior Tigers have busy week on court

It was a busy week of basketball action for the Elba Junior High Tigers and Lady Tigers last week, with a total of nine games played in three nights of action at the Elba gym.

The Elba 7th grade Tigers claimed three wins to improve their record to 4-0, while the 8th grade Tigers also posted three wins to up their record to 4-0. The 9th grade Lady Tigers posted one win and one loss to see their record move to 2-1, and the 8th grade Lady Tigers opened their season with a loss to fall to 0-1.

Following are highlights of last week's exciting basketball action:

7TH GRADE BOYS

ELBA 45

N.B. 34

The 7th grade Tigers opened the busy week with a 45-34 win over New Brockton. The score was tied at 20-20 at intermission, but the Tigers moved out to a 33-26 lead by the end of the third quarter and pulled away for the win. Jessie Thigpen poured in 31 points to lead Elba, while Roy Caldwell scored 22 points for New Brockton.

Elba (45): Harrelson 2, Skinner 4, Hall 2, Thigpen 31, Fooseche 2, Tyson 2, Surlay 2.

N.B. (34): Caldwell 22, Rachel 2, Parrish 6, Rogers 4.

ELBA 36

ANDY 31

The 7th grade Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to sneak past Andalusia 36-31. The Tigers took command early and jumped out to a 23-9 halftime advantage, but saw Andalusia cut the lead to two points late, before regaining control and rolling to the win. Jessie Thigpen scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Chavers led Andalusia with 9 points.

Elba (36): Harrelson 2, Skinner 8, Thigpen 18, Tyson 8, Andy (31): Chavers 9, Chambers 2, Mitchell 2, Mellow 5, Evans 4, Cope 1.

ELBA 37

SAMSON 28

The 7th grade Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and coasted in with a 37-28 win over Samson. The Tigers outscored

Samson 16-10 in the second quarter.

Kirby Gray scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Castleberry led Andalusia with 5 points.

Elba (30): Curran 4, Capps 2, Gray 13, Cross 1, Hill 5, Reed 2, Ordon 2, Daniels 1.

Andy (22): Wilson 3, Cauley 4, Eldridge 2, Castleberry 5, Carmack 4, Couch 4.

Elba 42 SAMSON 16

The 8th grade Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away in the second quarter en route to an easy 42-16 win over Samson. The Tigers outscored Samson 17-2 in the second quarter to grab a big 25-6 halftime advantage, and coasted in with the win.

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Elba (42): Curran 5, Gray 13, Reed 2, Hill 7, Gavin 2, Reed 7, Daniels 6.

Samson (16): Simmons 2, Hudson 1, Hornsby 2, Lassiter 11.

9TH GRADE GIRLS

N.B. 38 ELBA 35

The 9th grade Lady Tigers suffered their first loss of the season when they were defeated by New Brockton 38-35. The Lady Tigers owned a slim 8-6 lead after one quarter, but fell behind 31-27 by the end of the third quarter, and saw a late rally fall short.

Latoya Tyson scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Lawson scored 15 for New Brockton.

N.B. (38): Lawson 15, McGlothen 8, Brown 3, Donaldson 7, Loman 4, Jenkins 1.

Elba (35): Proctor 8, Ware 4, Tyson 12, Smith 2, Williams 3, Chism 6.

ELBA 30 SAMSON 20

The 9th grade Tigers got back on track with an impressive 30-20 win over Samson. The Lady Tigers used a stingy defense to open up a 16-6 halftime advantage, then held on late to post the big win.

Ayonna Proctor scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Bess led Samson with 14.

Elba (30): Proctor 12, Kilcrease 3, Tyson 4, Ware 2, Chism 9.

Samson (20): Hudson 2, Faulk 2, Bess 14, King 2.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

ANDY 41 ELBA 26

The 8th grade Lady Tigers opened their season with a 41-26 loss to Andalusia. The Lady Tigers rallied in the third quarter to chop a 22-11 halftime deficit to only 27-19, but fell short in the comeback try.

Elba (26): Curran 4, Capps 2, Gray 13, Cross 1, Hill 5, Reed 2, Ordon 2, Daniels 1.

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SPORTS



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) heads for a Bulldog touchdown in last week's 26-0 playoff win over Akron. Daniels gained 117 yards and scored 3 touchdowns to spark the Bulldogs to the opening round win. Brantley will travel to Autaugaville Friday night to meet the Autaugaville Eagles in second round action. Kickoff for the game is 7:00 PM.

Brantley and New Brockton advance to second round of high school playoffs

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will enter the second round of its "High School Football Playoffs" this week, with the New Brockton Gamecocks remaining at home for a second round matchup against the Reelfoot Rebels, and the Brantley Bulldogs hitting the road for a road battle against the Autaugaville Eagles.

Following are previews of both games.

REELFOOT AT NEW BROCKTON

The only two teams left in the

Class 2A playoff field with losing records will tangle Friday night in New Brockton when the (5-6) Gamecocks host the (5-6) Reelfoot Rebels.

The Gamecocks advanced to second round action with an exciting 22-19 win over Cottonwood, while the Rebels advanced with a 28-13 win over Alabama Christian.

New Brockton put an end to its late-season skid last week with the playoff win over the highly-touted Bears, and used an aggressive defense and a talented offense to post the big win.

The Rebels opened the season

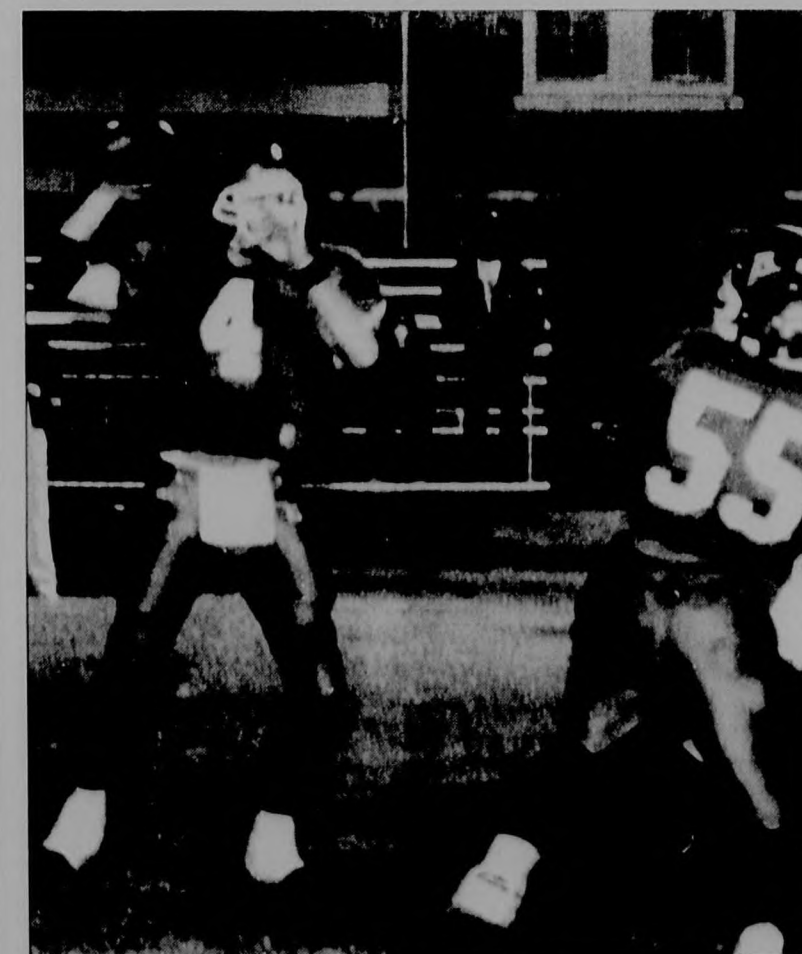
with five straight losses to 4A opponents, but rallied to win four of their final five games to make the playoff party. The early-season losses came to Dadeville 21-20, Hantley 25-7, Elmore County 20-10, Vincent 28-18 and Tallapoosa 37-20, while the win came in a four-game winning streak, with wins over Holyville 16-0, Horseshoe Bend 25-22, Beulah 16-0 and Loachapoka 35-14. The sixth loss came in a 14-0 setback to Nottulsa in the final week of the regular season.

BRANTLEY AT AUTAUGAVILLE

The defending state champion Brantley Bulldogs will hit the road Friday night for the long ride to Autaugaville when the (11-0) Bulldogs invade Autauga County for a second round match-up with the always dangerous (7-4) Autaugaville Eagles.

The Bulldogs advanced to second round action with a 26-0 spanking of Akron, but could be a little banged up, since quarterback Andy Johnson missed much of the second half last week after a hard hit, and two-way starter Javies Cooper is out for the season with a broken foot.

The Eagles advanced with a shocking 20-12 win over previously undefeated Nottulsa and will bring a 7-0 record into the match-up. The Eagles have posted wins over Bullock County 22-8, Billingsley 6-0, Dallas County 40-0, Loachapoka 36-28, Calhoun 28-18, Isabella 38-7 and Nottulsa 20-12, while losing to Francis Marion 12-6, Akron 14-6, St. Jude 34-7 and Verbena 35-8.



Brantley's Andy Johnson (4) prepares to pass in the Bulldogs' 26-0 win over Akron in opening round playoff action last week. Helping protect Johnson is teammate Rashadd Owens (55). The Bulldogs will travel to Autaugaville Friday night for a second round battle with the (7-4) Autaugaville Eagles. Kick off for all playoff games is 7:00 PM.

Gregory Daniels booms 47-yard field-goal

Brantley slams Rams 26-0

By Greg Brinson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs began their defense of the Class 1A state championship Friday night against the Akron Rams, and got started off on the right foot as the Bulldog offense rolled up almost 400 yards and Zack Burnett intercepted four passes to lead the defense as Brantley coasted to an impressive 26-0 win.

The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff and raced downfield, only to fumble the ball away at the Rams' 2 yardline.

On their second possession, the Bulldogs drove 62 yards in nine plays to set on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 4 yard run by Bo Daniels with 4:15 left in the first quarter, and Gregory Daniels kicked the extra-point, to give Brantley the 7-0 lead.

The Rams took the ensuing kickoff and drove deep into Bulldog territory, only to be stopped when Channey Burnett intercepted a Jessie Fields pass.

Brantley put the ball in play at its own 44 yardline late in the second quarter following an Akron punt, and this time was able to add to its lead, on a not so common play.

After driving to the Rams' 32 yardline, Andy Johnson dropped back and fired a pass into the endzone. Akron's Jessie Fields intercepted the Johnson pass, but was trapped in the endzone by the Bulldogs' Gregory Daniels, and was tackled for a safety, as the Bulldogs' lead went to 9-0 with 1:04 remaining in the half.

Brantley received the free kick following the safety and quickly raced into field-goal range. On fourth down, Gregory Daniels drilled a 47-yard field-goal, and at the half Brantley went in with a 12-0 advantage.

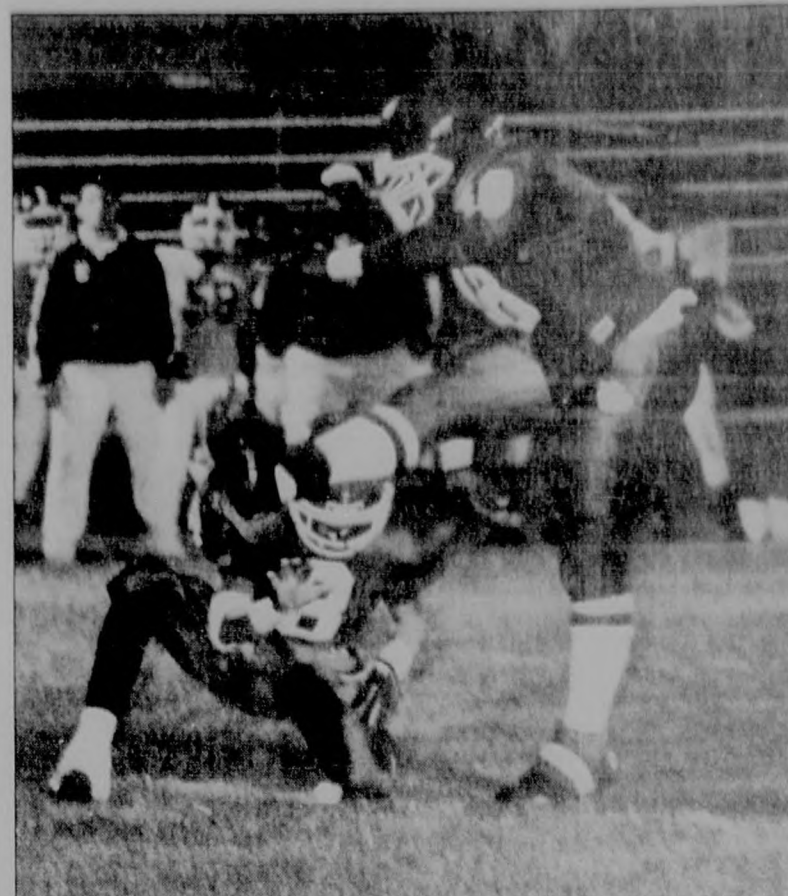
Daniels' long range field-goal sailed over the restraining fence behind the endzone, and could have easily been successful from an additional 8-10 yards out.

Brantley's Zack Burnett intercepted a Rams pass on the second play of the third quarter and returned the interception to the Akron 38 yardline. Seven plays later Bo Daniels took a pitch and galloped 14 yards into the endzone.

Andy Johnson ran in for the two-point conversion and with 7:43 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs were in command with a 20-0 advantage.

Zack Burnett set the Bulldogs up again two plays later with another interception at the Brantley 41 yardline.

On Brantley's first play, Andy Johnson found Burnett with a pass that covered 31 yards and gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Akron 28 yardline. Bo Daniels gained 21 yards on the next three plays, and later scored his third touchdown of the night on a seven yard burst off right tackle. The two-point try failed, but Brantley was ahead 26-0 with 5:01 remaining in the third



Brantley's Gregory Daniels (48) boots a field-goal during the Bulldogs' 26-0 win over Akron. Daniels booted two field-goals, including a 47-yarder, in the playoff win. Doing the placement chores for the Bulldogs is John-Barry Roberts.



The Brantley Bulldog mascot took time out of his busy schedule Friday night to chat with young Bulldog fans. Brantley will take its 11-0 record on the line Friday night for a second round playoff match-up with the Autaugaville Eagles.

quarter, and the Bulldog win was already in the bag.

The Brantley defense took charge of the game after the Bulldog touchdown and claimed four turnovers to keep the Rams off the scoreboard. Gregory Daniels had a fumble recovery, while Lason Brooks had an interception, and Zack Burnett added his third and fourth interceptions of the night.

Bo Daniels paced the Brantley offense with 117 yards on 19 carries and 3 touchdowns, while Darrell Owens added 66 yards on 10 tries.

The Rams were led by Marcus Bryant with 78 yards on 13 carries

STATISTICS

	B	A
1st Downs	19	5
Rushes-Yds.	45-256	34-165
Passing-Yds.	137	11
Total Offense	393	176
9-18-1	9-18-1	2-14-6
Returns-Yds.	78	63
Fumbles-Lost	4	1
Penalties-Yds.	9-81	6-35
Punts-Avg.	3-39	3-39

125-lap Super Late Model event to attract nation's best drivers to South Alabama Speedway

The South Alabama Speedway will close out the 1999 racing season on Saturday, November 13, with a 125-lap Super Late Model event, with drivers from all across the South expected to compete for the \$3,500 winner's purse, at the fast, high-banked oval.

Previous '99 Late Model race winners Ronnie Sanders, Terry Mason Jr., and Bubba Nauman Jr. will be on hand at the race, along with such top drivers as Dan Beddingfield, Darrell Brown, Tim Bryant, Greg and Chris Davidson, Kevin Dicks, Tracy Goodson, Tommy Grimes, Lee Hansard, Mike Harmon, Dale Little, Donald Long, Birmingham season champ Ken McFarland, 15-year-old sensation B.J. McLeod, Dwayne Middlebrooks, Wayne Neideken Jr., Tim Olson, Les Farris, Pete Richardson, Stanley Smith, Doug Thorpe, Keith Thorpe, and many more.

Nauman will come all the way from Austin, Texas to compete in the big money event, while Greg and Chris Davidson will come from Pearland, Texas. Tommy Grimes will make the trip from San Antonio, Texas, and Tim Olson and Les Farris will both make the trip to Kinston from Minnesota.

Also included on the evening's schedule will be a 25-lap feature for IMCA Modifieds and Street Stocks, as well as a Late Model last Chance race, if needed.

The gates will open at 5:00 PM, with Late Model qualifying at 6:00 PM and racing to start at 7:00 PM. Admission will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

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SPORTS



New Brockton's Jason McKenzie (1) heads behind a wall of blockers en route to a big gain in last week's 22-19 playoff win over Cottonwood. McKenzie gained 165 yards and scored 2 touchdowns in the win. Helping clear a path for the speedy Gamecock runner are Tyler Simmons (34) and Jeremy Meeks (27).

Exits SCAC

New Brockton High School joins Wiregrass Athletic Conference

New Brockton High School made its exit from the South Central Athletic Conference official last week when it announced that it had accepted an invitation to become the 13th member of the Wiregrass Athletic Conference.

"The SCAC is a very fine conference," stated New Brockton athletic director Keith Thrasher after the announcement was made last week, "and we left some good relationships there. However, to be in the conference you have to play every team in the conference, and with

the new region alignment we just couldn't do that and stay in the SCAC."

"We are excited," added Thrasher, in a published report last week, "and believe this is a tremendous conference. We feel like we have a pretty good overall program at New Brockton, and this will definitely help with the exposure for our kids."

The Wiregrass Athletic Conference will grow to 13 members with the addition of New Brockton, and now includes 4A members

Abbeville, Ashford, Dale County, Daleville, Geneva, Headland and Rehobeth, and 2A members Cottonwood, Houston County, Houston Academy, New Brockton, Slocomb and Wicksburg.

New Brockton will compete this season in the Wiregrass Athletic Conference tournaments in boys basketball, girls basketball, softball and golf. Next season the conference will split the boys and girls basketball tournaments into 4A and 2A divisions.

PLAYOFF RESULTS & SECOND ROUND MATCH-UPS

The following are results from last week's opening round of the Alabama High School Athletic Association's "High School Football Playoffs" involving teams of local interest:

Brantley 26 Akron 0
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Following are second round match-ups of local interest:

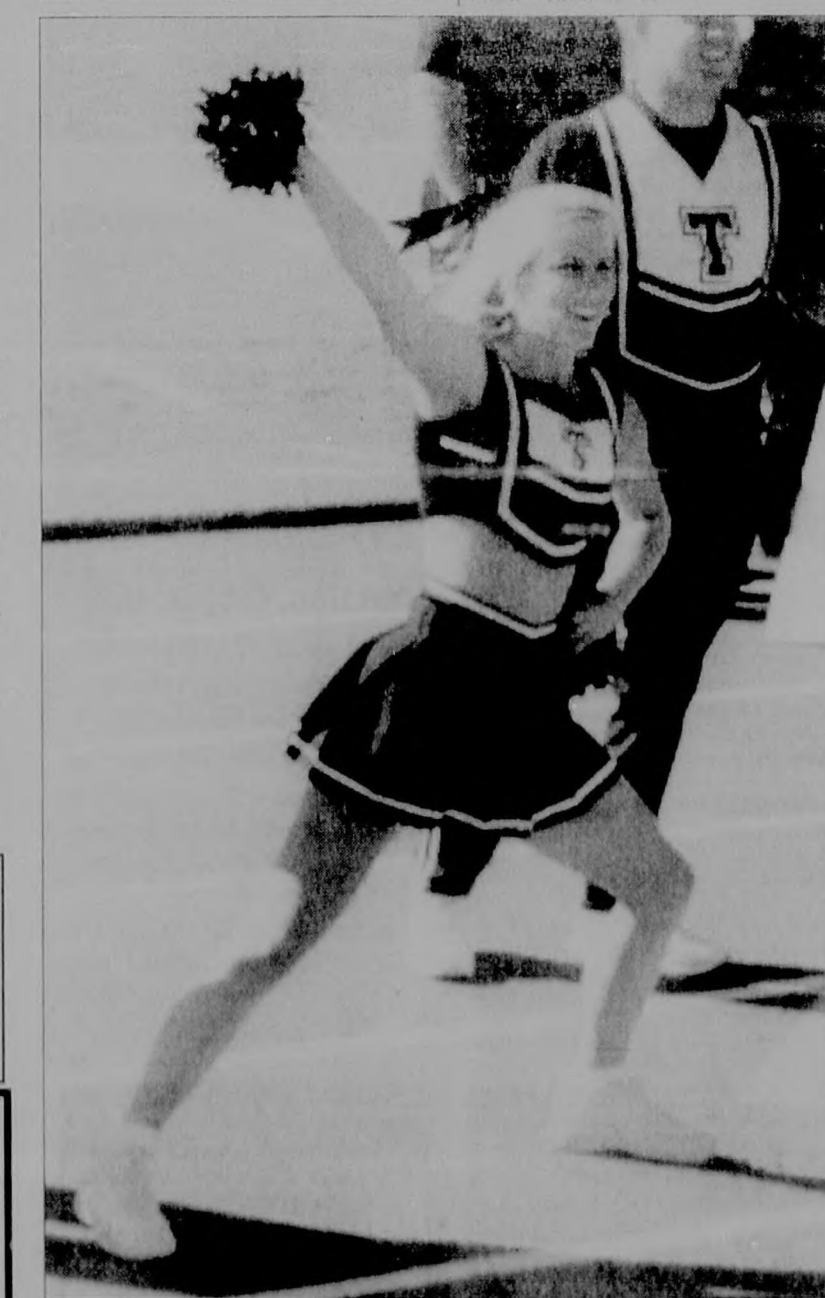
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McGill-Totten 27 Nottulsa 25
R.E. Lee 13 Jeff Davis 12
Vigor 34 Dothan 7
Opelika 17 Baldwin County 6
Lamar 33 Selma 6
Daphne 35 Central-PC 14
CLASS 5A
Eufaula 40 Greenville 0
Opp 29 Escambia County 28
Blount 19 Shelby County 13
Valley 26 Hillcrest-Evergreen 13
Crenshaw 28 Andalusia 14
CLASS 4A
Tallapoosa 42 Dale County 13
Choctaw County 21 Rehobeth 7
St. Paul's 49 Central-Coosa 7
Geneva 33 Central-Hawkinsville 6
Clarke County 28 Headland 0
Jemison 20 T.R. Miller 19
CLASS 3A
St. James 47 Slocomb 0
Calhoun 26 McIntosh 6
LMS-Wright 29 Vincent 22
Trinity 32 Elba 14
Leroy 20 Luverne 0
Briarwood 38 Excel 6
CLASS 2A
Highland Home 51 Horseshoe Bend 13
Houston County 43 Straght 22
Wicksburg 32 Red Level 8
Southern Choctaw 42 Marbury 14
Reelfoot 28 Alabama Christian 13
New Brockton 22 Cottonwood 19
Geneva County 43 J.E. Shields 24
CLASS 1A
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G.W. Long 34 Sweet Water 28
Autaugaville 20 Nottulsa 12

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New Brockton scores late to knock off Cottonwood in 2A playoff upset 22-19

By Josh Lewis, Sportswriter

The New Brockton Gamecocks proved to everyone that their 4-6 record was misleading and that they did indeed belong in the Class 2A football playoffs Friday night as they scored in the closing minute of play to defeat the Cottonwood Bears 22-19, in New Brockton.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 5-6 and moved the Gamecocks into the second round of the playoffs, while Cottonwood closed out the season with a 5-6 slate.

The two teams swapped punts for much of the opening stanza as both defenses dominated the action, and it was the New Brockton defense that came up with the first big stand of the night, when it turned back the Bears at the Gamecock 26-yard line after a hot snap on a punt attempt had put Cottonwood in scoring position.

Cottonwood did get on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter, but again it was the defense that was in command, as the Bears picked off a Kellen Cole pass and returned the interception 32 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was successful, and with 5:18 remaining in the half Cottonwood was on top 7-0.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff and promptly showed that its offense was finally ready to roll, as the Gamecocks marched 68 yards to get on the scoreboard.

The touchdown came on a 52-yard scamper by Jason McKenzie, and Andre Flowers added the extra-point, as the Gamecocks pulled even at 7-7 with 9:54 remaining in the third quarter.

The Gamecocks got the ball back at their own 32-yardline following a Cottonwood punt, and once again stunned the Bear defense as Jason McKenzie broke loose and this time raced 65 yards for his second touchdown of the stanza. The Gamecocks successfully converted a two-point conversion, and with 5:37 left in the third quarter New Brockton had taken the lead at 15-7.

Cottonwood began to move the football on its ensuing possession and cut the Gamecock lead to 15-10 on a 33-yard field-goal with 2:39 remaining in the quarter, then took advantage of a Gamecock fumble on New Brockton's next possession to get right back in scoring position.

The New Brockton defense kept the Bears out of the endzone, however, Cottonwood once again salvaged three points, this time on a 30-yard field-goal, and with 11:10 left in the game Cottonwood had pulled within 15-13.



New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher talks with members of his team during a time-out in last week's 22-19 win over Cottonwood.

Cottonwood's offense continued to get within field-goal range and on the Bear's next possession, and this time reached the endzone, on a 1-yard touchdown run, to regain the lead. The two-point conversion failed, but Cottonwood was back on top 15-15 with only 1:50 remaining on the clock.

New Brockton put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline after the ensuing kickoff, and brought the homecoming crowd to its feet when Kellen Cole drilled a 17-yard touchdown pass to Nathan Reamy with just 4:22 left in the game. Andre Flowers missed the extra-point, and the Gamecocks were back on top 22-19.

Jason McKenzie gained 165 yards on 16 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the New Brockton offense, while Pate Harrison added 65 yards on 12 carries. Kellen Cole hit on 5 of 8 passes for 71 yards and one touchdown.

The New Brockton defense was led by Pate Harrison with 16 tackles and Adrian Grimes with 12 stops.



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